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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited was submitted.

The documents are being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) no fee or statement is required.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in prior applications Serial No. 09/003,497, filed January 6, 1998, and Serial No. 09/498,343, filed February 4, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,367,481, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not included.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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